

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

County of San Diego

DATE: January 13, 2005

DEPT. 71

REPORTER A: Peter Stewart

CSR# 3184

PRESENT HON. RONALD S. PRAGER

REPORTER B:

CSR#

JUDGE

CLERK: A. Gerba

BAILIFF: E. Rodriquez

REPORTER'S ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 120128

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COORDINATION PROCEEDINGS
NO. JCCP 4221**

**COORDINATION PROCEEDING
TITLE [Rule 1550(b)]
NATURAL GAS CASES 1,11,111,AND 1V**

And related case

GIC810580 LAURENCE UYEDA, ET AL

V.

**CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.
ET AL.**

1:30 p.m. This being the time set for an Ex-parte conference call in the above-entitled cause, the Court convenes with counsel listed, as attached hereto and as further set forth in full, in the court reporter's notes.

Court and counsel discuss the co-ordination of a trial Judge for all the Natural Gas Index cases.

The Court orders Mr. Himmelstein to prepare a package with the following items: Motion for petition to coordinate, opposition, any related papers and a copy of the transcript with remarks made by Mr. Cooper. Mr. Himmelstein is ordered to have opposing counsel Mr. Healey approve as to form and then send it out to all parties.

All additional plaintiffs' who want to move under C.C.P. § 1544 are to file motion on or before January 21, 2005. The opposition is due on or before February 4, 2005. The telephonic ruling is set for February 10, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. The oral argument will be heard on February 14, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in Department 71.

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10:20 a.m. This being the time previously set for a continuation of the January 10, 2005 EX-PARTE/STATUS CONFERENCE in the above entitled cause, Court convenes with counsel as noted on Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth in full. Seated at counsel table are:

Brad N. Baker of Baker Burton and Lundy
John J. Shaeffer of O'Donnell & Shaeffer LLP
Robert E. Cooper of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
Kay Ellen Kochenderger of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
Mark E. Weber of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher

Court and counsel discuss stipulation and scheduling.

12:20 p.m. Court is in recess.

1:58 p.m. Court reconvenes with counsel as previously noted above present. Court and counsel discuss stipulation. Counsel stipulate to a waiver for six months of the five-year rule. The Court and counsel try to reach an agreement on scheduling.

The Court orders counsel to meet and confer on any type of discovery motion and if they cannot resolve the issue they may set the issue for ex-parte.

Motion in limine hearing is set for June 3, 2005.
Trial Readiness Conference is set for May 16, 2005.
Trial is set for September 2, 2005.

Court reporter to prepare transcript.

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10:30 a.m. This being the time previously set for **STATUS CONFERENCE** in the above-entitled cause Court convenes with counsel as noted:

John Shaeffer of O'Donnell & Shaeffer, Brad N. Baker of Baker, Burton & Lundy, James Robert Noblin of Blecher & Collins personally present for the Plaintiffs. Robert E. Cooper, Richard Pl Levy, Kay Ellen Kochenderfer and Mark E. Webber of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher personally present for the Defendants.

Court and counsel discuss the parameters of the upcoming trial.

The Court sets a June 3, 2005, trial date to hear the following three cases: For bundled electric, Berg, Marcil, Molony. Core Gas it is the Welchs and Stella and for Long Beach, it is Robert Lamond and some retirement homes. These cases will be tried simultaneously. The case is estimated to take about six weeks. The Court informs counsel that it will allow more complete discovery rather than less complete. The June 3, 2005 trial date will be trial call, the trial will commence on the following Monday, with the in limine motions.

Counsel to meet and confer regarding the filing and reply dates of the motions in limine. Counsel to have prepared for the Court a binder with all in limine motions and opposition and the trial briefs. Counsel to have the stipulation for filing dates submitted by January 18' 2005.

12:15 p.m. Court is adjourned.

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